

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) Transmittal**

Application #	09/700,185
Confirmation #	2588
Filing Date	December 18, 2000
First Inventor	ARAKI
Art Unit	1745
Examiner	Ruthkosky, Mark
Docket #	P06971US00/BAS

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

Submission required
 under 37 CFR § 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise (with a separate Request).

Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if this line is not checked.
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 Other: Amendment After Final filed on March 5, 2007

Enclosed

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Citation
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of months (*Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37CFR§ 1.17(i) required*)
 Other:

FEES calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above).

	NOW	Basic/Previous Number	Present Extra	Rate	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS	43	- 45		X \$ 50 =	
<input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 4		X \$ 200 =	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)				\$ 790 =	790
				TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	790
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant				+ \$ =	790
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee				+ \$ =	330
<input type="checkbox"/> Other fee for				+ \$ =	
				TOTAL OF ALL FEES =	1120

Payment of \$ 1120 is made by credit card (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed).
 The Director is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0855:
 (1) If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or
 (2) If no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: March 30, 2007

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